Holiday Safety Brief

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Safety Office

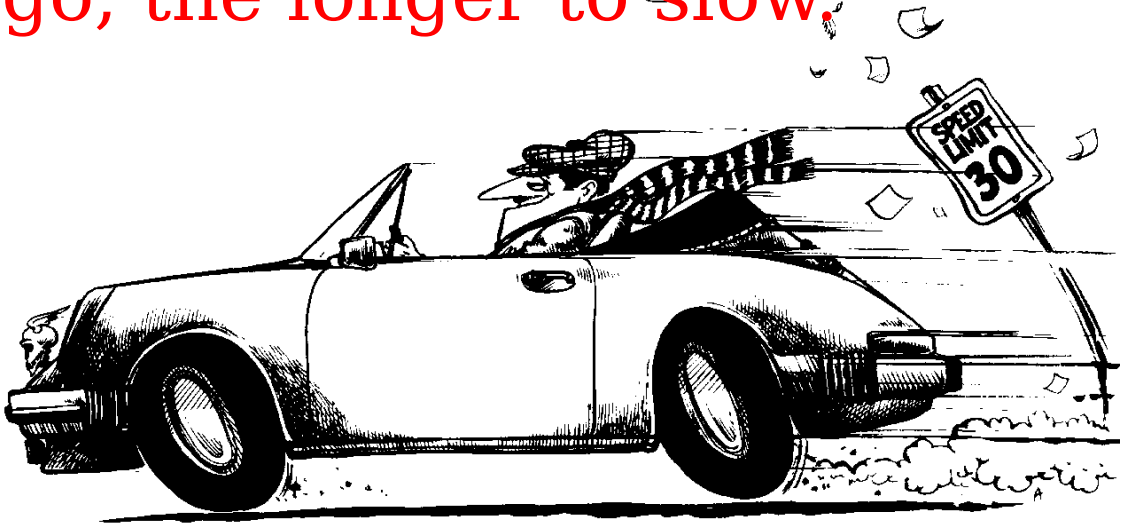
Overview

- Vehicle Safety
- Space heaters
- The Fireplace
- Decorative Lights
- Candles & Votives
- The Tree

Driving Safely

Vehicle mishaps are the leading cause of death to Air Force personnel.

- Alcohol always impairs your ability to drive
- Speed limits are for safety - the faster you go, the longer to slow.



Restraint Saves Lives

Some common myths:

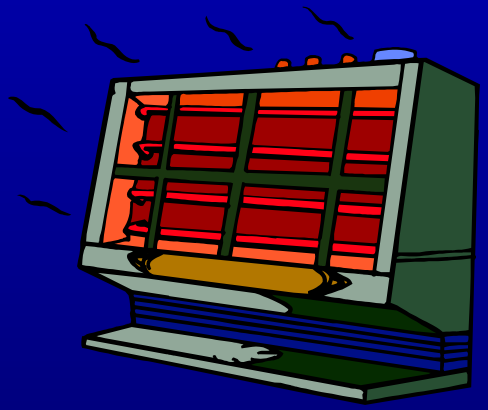
- Safety belts trap people.
- It's safer to be thrown clear.
- I'm just going down the street.
- I won't get in a wreck.

The law:

- South Carolina does require restr
- And so does the Air Force.

Space Heaters

- UL Approved
- Safety Tip-Over Switch
- Place all space heaters at least 36 inches away from flammable materials, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people.
- Do not leave space heaters unattended or in use while sleeping.
- Do not use with an extension cord



The Fireplace

- Check to see that the flue is open.
- Remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from the fireplace area
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector and a smoke detector in your home.
- Chimney inspected once a year
- Use a fire screen and only burn material

appropriate for fireplaces

- Remove ashes in a metal container
- Before closing the flue, ensure fire is

out completely

Decorative Lights

- UL Approved
- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Discard damaged sets.
- No more than 3 sets of lights per extension cord
- Unplug all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and cause a fire.

Candles & Votives

- Do not use on a tree or near other evergreens.
- Keep candles away from decorations and wrapping paper.
- Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Always keep burning candles up high, out of the reach of children and animals.

The Tree

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:

- A fresh tree is green.
- Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches.
- When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break.
- The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin
- When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that the tree is too dry

Place trees away from fireplaces, radiators, and other heat sources

Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways

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